

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes October 18, 2006 Conference Call

Members Present: Spencer Ellis, President
David Graham
Gene Hardy
Jim Mickelson
Lee Otto
Patrick Zimmerer
Paige Smith, Governor Freudenthal's Office

Members Absent: Jack Corson, Vice President
Helen Jones
Dalin Winters
David Largent
Emily Horton
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture

WDA Staff Present: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary
Jason Fearneyhough, Deputy Director

Conservation District Issues

Gene Hardy made a motion to approve the 1-year extension for Hot Springs Conservation District's 2005 Water Quality Project; the 1-year extension for Sweetwater County Conservation District's 2005 Water Quality Project; the adjustment of the budget to include a new task for the Hot Springs Conservation District's 2007 Water Quality Project; the approval of Powell Clarks Fork CD in the amount of \$14,896.00 and Lower Wind River CD in the amount of \$19,995.00 for water quality. Dave Graham seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Board had some concerns about the accountability of the funding sent to the Conservation Districts, but after discussion, feels that there are enough safeguards in place now to assure accountability with the CD funding.

Issues

For the conference call November 1, the Board would like to discuss possible meeting dates prior to the meeting in February.

The Board is against the Wyoming Livestock Board dropping any brand inspections.

Gene Hardy feels that if anybody wants a refund of the predator fees, they should only get 95% back with the 5% to remain with the board for administrative costs.

The Animal Damage Management Board has requested an opinion from the Attorney General's Office to see if money can cross state line for Predatory Animal Board funding.

All 23 counties have received drought declarations, of which 17 are primary and 6 are contiguous. Paige Smith said three of those six have request into Washington to make them primary.

The Livestock Assistance Program probably won't include bison.

The Duncan Ranch CRM steering committee met October 11. TRT's are getting prepared and the CRM is progressing well.

There being no additional business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Spencer Ellis, President

Date

Attachments:

Powell Clarks Fork CD Water Quality Grant Request
Lower Wind River CD Water Quality Grant Request
Hot Springs CD 05 Water Quality Amendment Request
Hot Spring CD 07 Water Quality Amendment Request
Lingle Ft. Laramie 05 Water Quality Amendment Request